

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 1**  
**INCIDENT NO. 96-09**  
**DATE: February 1, 1996      TIME: 4:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe winter weather including below zero temperature and high wind creating blowing and drifting snow and dangerous wind chill.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: On January 26, 1996, an 84-year-old man froze to death 1 mile south of Lehr in McIntosh County.
3. DAMAGE: Temperatures dropped to -35 to -40 degrees in the early morning hours of February 1, 1996 statewide. Winds of about 20-30 miles/hour are caused wind chills in the -80-degree range.

Drifting snow was reducing visibility in the northwestern part of the state on Thursday afternoon. At Stanley visibilities were reduced to 100 feet.

Michigan, Petersburg, Aneta, and McVillie in Nelson County lost electrical power for up to two hours on January 29, 1996. Minto, in Walsh County, lost electrical power from about 5:00 p.m. January 31 until 3:00 a.m. February 1.

The severe cold is creating maintenance problems with snow removal equipment, school buses, private vehicles, and farm machinery used to feed cattle.

Some schools have been running their busses one hour late to help with the safety of the children.

Heavy snow in the eastern part of the state is making it difficult for wildlife to find food. Deer are bunching up and raiding farmer's hay supplies in Nelson County.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: Local emergency management offices, school districts, county road departments.

STATE: N D Division of Emergency Management, State Radio Communications, ND Highway Patrol, and the ND Department of Transportation..

FEDERAL: None at this time.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The news media has been broadcasting public safety information.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The ND Division of Emergency Management is continuing to monitor the situation.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.

9. OTHER INFORMATION:

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State Director